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DEA Publishes Rules on Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances

The US Drug Enforcement Administration's Interim Final Rule on e-prescribing was published in today's Federal Register. The effective date of the rule is June 1, 2010 and comments are due on the same date. A copy of the interim rule is found at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-6687.pdf>

The revised regulations provide practitioners with the option of electronically writing prescriptions for controlled substances. The regulations will also permit pharmacies to receive, dispense, and archive these electronic prescriptions. These regulations are in addition to, not a replacement of, the existing rules. The regulations provide pharmacies, hospitals, and practitioners the ability to use modern technology for controlled substance prescriptions while maintaining the closed system of control on controlled substances.

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